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1. MR. J. R. S. GUINNESS (DUDGEON'S REPLACEMENT AS
DEPUTY LEADER OF UK LOS TEAM) TOLD EMBASSY THAT UK AGREES
ON DESIRABILITY OF COORDINATING COMMON POSITION WITHIN
GROUP OF FIVE IN PREPARATION FOR DECEMBER 1-12 EVENSEN
GROUP MEETING. IN RESPECT TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR GROUP OF
FIVE MEETING NOV. 24-28, THE UK POINTS OUT THERE NUMBER
OF POINTS IN THE YANKOV TEXT WHICH STILL NEED TIDYING UP.
UK CONSIDERS MOST PROFITABLE WAY OF PROCEEDING MIGHT BE
FOR EXPERTS TO MEET FIRST AND THEN REPORT TO HEADS OF
DELS AS DONE RECENTLY AT GROUP OF FIVE MEETING FOR PART I
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OF TEXT. UK PROPOSES THAT EXPERTS MEET TO DISCUSS MARINE

POLLUTION QUESTIONS IN PART III AND THE RECONCILIATION OF PARTS II AND III ON 25-26 NOVEMBER. IN VIEW THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOV. 07, UK SEES DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING MEETING THAT DAY AND SUGGESTS HEADS OF DELS MEET 28 NOVEMBER AND CONTINUE OVER THE WEEKEND AS NECESSARY. SIR ROGER JACKLING COULD NOT, IN ANY CASE, BE AVAILABLE BEFORE 28 NOV. THE UK PREFERQ THESE MEETINGS TO BE IN NEW YORK. FURTHER MEETINGS MIGHT, IF NEEDED, BE HELD IN EVENINGS OF FIRST WEEK OF EVENSEN MEETING.

2. RE AGENDA FOR MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE, IN UK VIEW MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IS FOR GROUP TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP AT EVENSEN MEETING. THEREFORE, UK BELIEVES TASK SHOULD BE TO TAKE THE JURISDICTIONAL ASPECTS OF MARINE POLLUTION, THE RECONCILIATION OF PARTS II AND III OF THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND POSSIBLY QUESTIONS CONCERNING CONTINENTAL SHELF, ALTHOUGH IT MUST BE UNCERTAIN WHETHER EVENSEN MEETING WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO DISCUSSION LATTER ISSUE IN VIEW OTHER ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA.

3. UK HAS RECEIVED INFO FROM UN SECRETARIAT THAT ENGO WILL BE CALLING MEETING OF ALL STATES PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS DEEP SEABED ISSUES IN LAST TWO WEEKS NOVEMBER IN NEW YORK, ALTHOUGH IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE IS PROPOSILG TO TAKE CHAIR. UK WOULD FULLY SUPPORT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR TWO-DAY MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE EXPERTS ON THESE MATTERS ON 13 AND 14 NOVEMBER ALSO IN NEW YORK.

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